

Today's Advertisements.

H. WELBY-COOK'S
ANIMATOSCOPE
A EDISON'S LATEST WONDER
I will be exhibited at the THEATRE ROYAL
T-NIGHT
M (THURSDAY) and SATURDAY,
A the 26th and 28th August,
T at 9 P.M.
O
S COMPLETE CHANGE
C OF
O PROGRAMME.
P Tickets may be had at Messrs. ROBINSON
E & Co's or at the Door.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:—
Dress Circle, \$1 & \$1.
Stalls, \$1 & \$1 & 50c.
Hongkong, 26th August, 1897. [1319]

WANTED.
A ROOM, UNFURNISHED, in healthy
position, except Peak.
Apply to
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office,
Hongkong, 26th August, 1897. [1321]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR SHANGHAI.
THE Company's Steamship
"DARDANUS,"
Captain Gregory, will be despatched TO-
MORROW, the 26th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 26th August, 1897. [1315]

FOR BALTIMORE.
THE 3/3 L. I. American Ship
"ISAAC REED,"
Captain Waldo, will leave here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
Hongkong, 26th August, 1897. [1322]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.
THE Company's Steamship
"KUTSANG,"
Captain Geo. Payne, will be despatched as above
on TUESDAY, the 31st instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 26th August, 1897. [1323]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK &
COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER,
SODA WATER,
LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE,
SARSAPARILLA,
RASPBERRYVADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co's WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-
parison with the best English Manufactures.
Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEN'S and
other Large Consumers.
Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [3794]

NOW READY!

COMMERCIAL AND STATISTICAL
PAPERS.

No. 1—APRIL, 1897.

Being reports of meetings of Companies and
Corporations for periods ending 31st December,
1896.
This pamphlet is published for the conveni-
ence of the Commercial Community and is
for sale.
PRICE \$1 PER COPY,
at the office of the
"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH,"
No. 8 Peddar's Hill.
Hongkong, 7th May, 1897. [761]

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insertion in this paper, not later than Three o'clock on the
day preceding the day of insertion.
Advertisements and notices of a general nature are not taken for
insertion in the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph.
The Hongkong Telegraph has the pleasure of announcing that
it has been decided to publish a new and improved edition of its
Commercial and Statistical Papers, which will be ready for
distribution on the 1st of September next. The new edition will
contain a full and complete list of the names and addresses of
all the companies and corporations registered in Hongkong, and
will also contain a full and complete list of the names and
addresses of all the persons who have been appointed to the
various offices of the Government of Hongkong. The new edition
will be a most valuable and useful work, and is one which
every person interested in the commerce and industry of
Hongkong should possess. The price of the new edition is
\$1.00 per copy, and it may be ordered from the Manager,
Hongkong Telegraph, No. 8 Peddar's Hill, Hongkong.

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.



WINES & SPIRITS.

WE beg to call attention to our PRICE
LIST OF WINES AND SPIRITS as
below:—
As these are all selected and bought first
hand by our London House we save any inter-
mediate profits and are thereby enabled to
supply the best qualities at Moderate Prices.

PORT.

(For Invalids and General Use).

B VINTAGE, superior quality, Red
Capitane, \$14.40 \$1.20
C FINE OLD VINTAGE, superior
quality, Black Seal Capitane, 16.20 \$1.35
D VERY FINE OLD VINTAGE,
extra superior, Violet Capitane
(Old Bottled) 20.40 \$1.70

SHERRY.

B SUPERIOR PALE DRY, dinner
wine, Green Seal Capitane, \$10.80 \$0.90
C MANANILLA, PALE NA-
TURAL SHERRY, White
Capitane 12.00 1.00
CC SUPERIOR OLD DRY, PALE
NATURAL SHERRY, Red
Seal Capitane 13.00 1.00
D VERY SUPERIOR OLD DRY,
White Seal Capitane, 14.40 1.20
E EXTRA SUPERIOR OLD PALE
DRY, very fine quality,
Black Seal Capitane (Old
Bottled) 20.40 1.70

CLARET.

B ST. ESTEVE, Red
Capitane, \$6.96 \$0.56
C ST. JULIEN, Red
Capitane 9.00 0.75
D LA ROSA, Red
Capitane 12.00 1.00
E SAI TE FOY, 7.10 0.50
F CUSACK, 9.60 0.80
G CHATEAU D'AN-
GLADE, 13.20 1.10
H CHATEAU HAVI-
BRION, 18.60 1.50
I CHATEAU MOU-
TON D'ARMAIL,
18.00 1.50

BRANDY.

A HENNESSY'S OLD
PALE, Red Capitane, \$18.00 \$1.50
B SUPERIOR VERY OLD
COGNAC, Red Cap-
itane 21.00 1.75
C VERY OLD LIQUEUR
COGNAC, 24.00 2.00
D HENNESSY'S FINEST
VERY OLD LIQUEUR
COGNAC, 1873 Vin-
tage, Red Capitane, 36.00 3.00
E V.V.O. FINEST VERY OLD
LIQUEUR COGNAC,
1868 Vintage, 48.00 4.00

All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure
Cognac, the difference in price being merely a
question of age and vintage.

WHISKY.

SCOTCH—
A THOMAS'S BLEND, White Cap-
itane, \$18.00 \$1.50
B WATSON'S VERY OLD
LOW BLEND, Blue Capitane,
with Name and Trade Mark 10.00 0.90
C WATSON'S A'LOUR-GLIN-
LIVAT, Red Capitane, with
Name and Trade Mark 12.00 1.00
D WATSON'S H.K.D. BLEND OF
THE FINEST SCOTCH MALT
WHISKIES, Violet Capitane, 14.40 1.20
E WATSON'S VERY OLD LIQUEUR
SCOTCH WHISKY, Gold Cap-
itane 15.00 1.25

DANIEL BRAWLEY, FINEST
VERY OLD SCOTCH WHISKY 14.40 1.20
Our lowest priced Whisky is of excellent qual-
ity and of greater age than most brands in the
market. We recommend our customers not to
be deterred by the lowness of price from trying
them all. For a soda whisky, Thomas's Blend
and Watson's Glenlivet are equal to any.
Aberdeen-Glenlivet is a very old Scotch Whisky
(smoky) that could not be replaced in stock at
the price. D and E are too well known to need
comment.

IRISH.

A JOHN JAMISON'S OLD, Green
Capitane, \$12.00 \$1.00
B JOHN JAMISON'S VERY OLD
Green Capitane 15.00 1.25
C JOHN JAMISON'S VERY FINE
OLD, Green Capitane 18.00 \$1.50
All these are very fine and old. C has been
stocked in Hongkong in wood for over 20 years,
there being little sale for Irish Whisky in the
Colony.

AMERICAN.

GENUINE BOURBON WHISKY,
FINE OLD, Red Capitane, with
our Name and Trade Mark, \$15.00 1.25

GIN.

A FINE OLD TOM, White
Capitane, \$7.20 \$0.60
B FINE WESTERN, White
Capitane 7.20 0.60

RUM.

FINEST OLD JAMAICA, Violet
Capitane, \$15.00 \$1.25
GOOD LEWARD ISLAND 6.00 0.50
GOOD LEWARD ISLAND \$2.50 per Gal.

LIQUEURS.

BENEDICTINE, BLACKBERRY BRANDY,
CURACAO, MARAICHO,
CHARTREUSE, HENNESSY'S COGNAC,
CREME DE CACAO, COGNAC,
PEPPERMINT.

Dr. BAKER'S ANGIOSURE BITTERS.

AERATED WATERS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.,
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, 15th August, 1897.

BIRTH.

On the 21st instant, at No. 10, Queen's Road
East, the wife of C. I. BIRKBECK, of Jersey, Channel
Islands, of a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 1897.

THE POST OFFICE.

The Post Office is undoubtedly bound
to see to the safe delivery of registered
letters and is also bound to get a receipt
for each letter when delivered, but it has
no power to require the addressee, under
any circumstances, to come to the Post
Office to sign that receipt, even although
the addressee happens to be an ignorant
Chinese woman unable to write and un-
acquainted with the law. If the Post
Office for any reason requires that the
recipient's signature or mark should be
verified and attested by a witness or wit-
nesses, it must send such witness or wit-
nesses with the letter and receipt to the
house or place of business at which the
letter is to be delivered and get the job
done there. That is only common sense.
Why the Carrier who is entrusted with the
registered letter and receipt to take out for
delivery, and who might steal it if he liked
and bring back the receipt with a Chinese
signature affixed to it without anyone
being able to detect the fraud, is not a
sufficient witness we cannot conceive.
There is no magic in two witnesses. One,
if honest, is sufficient. But the Post Office
people forget that they are public servants;
that they are there for the purpose of
facilitating in every possible way the trans-
mission of mail matter; that if it is a
question between some little inconvenience
to a Post Office clerk or to one of the pub-
lic, the Post Office clerk must submit to
the inconvenience and not the outsider. The
Post Office is for the convenience of the
public and of every individual member of it.
Where the interests of the general public
clash with the interests or convenience of
an individual, the individual must give
way, but no public interest would suffer if,
in such a case as that now under con-
sideration, Mr. DANER's letter had been sent
to the parties entitled to it by a Post
Office carrier, accompanied, for the occasion,
by a second, instead of the women to
whom it was addressed being forced to
attend the Post Office before they could
get delivery.

The Post Office is very carelessly
managed, and we very much fear that
its present head has few or none of the
qualifications necessary for the perform-
ance of the duties of his office. The
wonder would be if he did possess them for
how or under what circumstances could he
have acquired them. But then he belongs
to the omniscient. Cadet class, who, fit or
unfit, are held to have a right to any vac-
cant appointment—if it is fairly well paid.

TELEGRAMS.

(Special to Hongkong Telegraph.)

TERRIBLE MARITIME CATAS- TROPHE.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

SHANGHAI, August 25th.

Eleven members of the crew of the
Strait-owned British steamer *Chung Hye*
Ting (including Mr. Collins the third
engineer) arrived here to-day from
Ningpo.

The vessel foundered on the 10th inst.
in a typhoon while on a voyage from Moji
to Hongkong.

The men saved had been four and a
half days in one of the ship's boats when
they were picked up by a junk and taken
to Ningpo.

Captain Scott, commander of the *Chung*
Hye Ting, shot himself when he found the
vessel's engines were disabled.

Twenty-one members of the crew went
down with the ship.

[This message was greatly delayed in trans-
mission. It was handed in at the telegraph
office at Shanghai at 5.30 p.m. but did not
reach the Hongkong Telegraph office until
7.15 p.m.]

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

LORD SALISBURY'S PROPOSAL AND THE POWERS.

LONDON, August 24th.

The Powers agreeing to Lord Salisbury's
proposal are now enquiring of Greece what
revenues she will be able to assign for the
indemnity loan.

THE RISE IN THE WHEAT MARKET.

The excitement in the United States has
extended to the British wheat market, the price
at home in places reaching 37s. per quarter.

PRESIDENT FAURE IN RUSSIA.

At a banquet at Pétrohof to President Faure,
toasts were exchanged affirming that the visit
would draw closer the powerful ties uniting
the two countries. The word "alliance" was not
mentioned.

FIGHTING ON THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER.

The Afghans have captured and burned Fort
Maseed. The native garrison, 1,000 men,
of all ranks is surrounded; the fort is under
fire.

THE MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL QUESTION.

H. E. the Governor to-day received a cable-
gram from the Secretary of State for the
Colonies regarding the sale of the Mount Austin
Hotel to the Military Authorities, and saying
that he could see no reason for interfering in the
matter. The local petitioners against the sale
will be notified accordingly.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE *Empress of India* sailing for Vancouver on
the 1st proximo will call at Amoy.

So we shall have to build a new Cloudland
Hotel after all! The Colonial Office has declined
to favour the ratepayers of this Colony with its
good offices in the matter of inducing the War
Office to part with the Mount Austin Hotel.

THE directors of Bowill Limited have resolved
to distribute an interim dividend at the rate of
5 1/2 per cent. per annum on the preference shares,
and at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum on the
ordinary shares of the company, calculated from
December 1st last.

An amusing piece of ignorance is shown in the
case of a trade mark recently issued for rice
whisky. The design represents, in martial
attire, the bust of the unfortunate General
Bridcock and describes him as an officer of the
Continental army. The General would certainly
be surprised to learn that he had been deprived
of his rank in the British army and still more so
when he found that he had been translated into
the ranks of an army which did not exist until
some twenty years after his death.

THE Japanese Agricultural and Commercial
Department having received secret information
that there has been some irregularity in the
disbursement of 70,000 yen granted by the
Government to the Central Board of Tea Guilds
to assist the development of the tea business, an
official was dispatched on the 12th inst. to
inspect the books of the Board. Owing to the
absence of the officer in charge the examination
of the books was postponed till the next day.—
Kobe Chronicle.

THE following queer advt. appears in the *Kobe*
Chronicle of the 11th inst:—"Wanted, a watch-
dog. Must be large and powerful, and ac-
customed to be chained up by day. Breed, not a
dog, but a man. Not need to be a linguist, but a
slight knowledge of the vocabulary of one lan-
guage preferred (English, German, French, or
Japanese). Price must be moderate, but will
have a good home and be fed on beef and pota-
toes; rice and pickles only on accompanying
his master up country, where nothing else is
available. Address, Cave Canem, care of the
Kobe Chronicle, August 10th, 1897."

THE master of cargo-boat No. 365 was charged
at the Magistracy to-day with having a quantity
of flour on his craft (some 4 bags and a
barrel and several dishes full) for which he could
not lawfully account. P. C. Hammond discovered
the flour, some being hidden behind a carefully
concealed secret panel in the cabin. The
boat had been unloading the Northern Pacific
liner *Victoria*, and Hammond, who was using
a dock-yard launch while his own was being
repaired, came on the people on board. Mr.
Gedge appeared for the defence and the case
was postponed till Saturday.

AN unsophisticated looking Celestial was
brought up to-day at the Magistracy charged
with a theft of a particularly impudent
character. He was arrested at the Kowloon
Dock by a watchman, and had in his
possession two empty drums made into buckets,
new wire rope being used for the handles. It
was then discovered that the rope had been cut
from the sawing of the new "Star" ferry-boat, and
no less than 50 lb. worth of material was spoiled
in consequence. In answer to His Worship
defendant said he "found" the rope on the
ground. He owned up to a previous conviction
for a theft of rope and Mr. Wedderburn sentenced
him to six months' hard labour.

THE Haves Agency publishes an official note in
reply to the information contained in a Renter
telegram from Peking as to the recent Franco-
Chinese treaty:—"It has been announced that
the convention recently concluded between France
and the Chinese Empire had been signed in
Paris by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the
representative of China, and that agreement
had arisen in feeling between M. G. de France,
Minister in China, and the T'ungshih Yamen, as
to the commercial or industrial advantages
agreed to in this convention, in favour of France
in Yunnan. This information is entirely in-
accurate. All the arrangements relative to these
questions were made in Peking by our Minister
and the T'ungshih Yamen." The telegram referred
to was a Reuter from Peking, and contained a
contradiction of an official statement made in
Paris on June 19th.

JUDGMENT has been given in the House of Lords
in the appeal in the Russell matrimonial suit.
Countess Russell originally sued in the Divorce
Court for restitution of conjugal rights, and Lord
Russell sought, in the same Court, a declaration
that the petitioner was not entitled to this order
by reason of certain charges she had made
against him, and he further asked that such
charges should be declared to be legal cruelty,
entitling him to a judicial separation. In the Court
below judgment was entered for Earl Russell,
but the Court of Appeal, by a majority of two to
one, decided that the conduct of the Countess
did not amount to legal cruelty, and dismissed
both suits. Earl Russell appealed to the House
of Lords, but the nine law lords present were
also divided in opinion, five adopting the view
of the Court of Appeal, and four being in favour
of the original finding. Earl Russell's appeal
was accordingly dismissed.

THE Austrian government have placed a con-
tract with Messrs. Yarrow & Co., of Poplar, for
four first-class torpedo boats of the improved
Viper type. As the result of exhaustive experi-
ments, the Austrian government have deter-
mined to fit the Yarrow boiler in the cruiser building
at Pola, of 8,000 horse-power. There will be
eight boilers in all, having 2,500 ft. of heating
surface each.

THE City of Glasgow is in the fortunate position
of being able to pay all the expenses of the city
government out of the revenue derived from its
public improvements. Farms, markets, dairies,
libraries, scientific schools, lighting plants,
waterworks and other public utilities are all the
property of the city. It is claimed that of all
the vast number of operations undertaken by
the city in this manner none has proved a
failure and the hours of the public employees
have been shortened and their daily wage
increased. How long, we wonder, will it be
before such a thing can be said of Hongkong?

THE two boatmen, who were charged with
unlawful possession of 14 piculs of sugar at the
Magistracy yesterday, were brought up on
remand this morning. J. W. Hammond, P.C.
13, said that at 4.15 a.m. yesterday he saw
defendant's boat near the American mail liner.
He boarded her and found the sugar, in two pots,
concealed under the flooring of the cabin. He
assisted the defendants in removing the larger
pot to the dock and when he was going down
for the other one he saw them in the act of
throwing it overboard. He tried to prevent it
and the other pot was thrown overboard. The
boatmen were bound over in the sum of \$15 to
be of good behaviour for six weeks.

It is generally believed, says an Osaka paper,
that the return of Marquis Ito from Europe will
result in a change of Ministry, and speculation
is rife as to the statesmen who will comprise the
new Cabinet. In some quarters it is believed
that the new Ministry will be as proposed by
Count Inouye prior to the formation of the present
Cabinet, and the holders of this view allege that
Marquis Ito shortened his journey in Europe
because he discovered that Russia's attitude in
the Far East is dangerously ominous of dis-
turbance at any moment. He concluded there-
fore that the present was not the time for him
to be travelling in Europe. It is believed that
the Marquis will sink his objections to Count Okuma
and form a Coalition Cabinet with him. In
that case, Count Inouye will join the Ministry
and Count Matsugata and Kobayama and
Viscount Takashima will retire.

MR. KAWABA, an agricultural expert in the
Governor-General's Office, Formosa, and Mr.
Koshiji, a "theologian," who recently arrived
to Japan from Formosa delivered addresses in the
Tamon Church at Kobe on the 14th inst. Mr.
Kawaba said there were 50,000 Japanese (sol-
diers excepted) in Formosa; between 5,000 and
6,000 foreigners; 3,000,000 Chinese, and 30,000
aborigines. Owing to the intense heat the
Japanese could not take sufficient bodily exer-
cise and consequently suffered from loss of
appetite. The heat was such that it was
almost impossible to keep animal food or
fish. Owing to the lack of other amusements,
the people generally resorted to the low
pleasures of drinking and eating in restaurants.
Travel in Formosa was a great hardship for
Japanese. There being no hotel accommoda-
tion travellers had to spend the nights in natives'
houses, without suitable food or opportunities
for a bath, and malarial fever was common
among them.

A BARBOY of the Hongkong Hotel and a lad
were charged at the Magistracy yesterday
with embezzling money from a pawnbroker. Mr.
Locker appeared for the prosecution. It appears
that on the 14th inst. the lad took a pair of tooth-
picks to a pawnbroker's shop in West Point and
offered them as a pledge for money to be ad-
vanced. He said they were gold and asked for a
loan of 50 on them. The pawnbroker took the
lad's word and eventually agreed to lend
\$8.50 on them. Shortly afterwards the
same lad took a similar pair of tooth-
picks to another pawnbroker's shop, but
the accountant examined them, and detected
that they were false and that they contained
silver inside and were only covered with gold. He
called a constable and had the lad arrested. The
lad made a statement that the toothpicks were
given to him to pawn by the barboy and con-
sequently he was arrested. The barboy admitted
this and said he had brought them from Canton
five or six years ago. On examination of the
string attached to the toothpicks it was discovered
that small bits of lead were concealed in them
in order to add to their weight. The barboy was
sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard
labour and the lad was discharged.

THE *N. C. Daily News*—It was decided
at the adjourned inquest held on Saturday at the
death of Wilfred Arthur Chambers, that the
child's death was caused by strychnine having
been administered to him in mistake for the an-
tione which had been prescribed for him. Such
a mistake is, happily, most rare, and it probably
occurred through the two drugs having been
mixed up in the recent removal from one shop
to another of the chemist to whom the prescrip-
tion was sent to be made up. Mr. Voelkel,
who, it is stated, himself dispensed the powder,
is known to be a most careful as well as a most
able chemist, and the deepest sympathy is
felt for him by all who know him. And his
many friends share the deep grief that is
felt by Mr. Chambers for the loss of the
bright young boy, his only son, whose life has
been so prematurely brought to a close, and
those who know him know that Mr. Chambers
is not the man to have any vindictive feelings
towards Mr. Voelkel. It is difficult to say what
is the more to be pitied, Mr. Chambers or
Voelkel; but they both know that they have
been warned of many years ago, and they
can but sadly attribute the tragedy to their
negligence.

SOME people have a habit of finding things be-
fore they are lost. One of this class, a coolie,
received a sentence of three weeks' hard labour
to-day for "finding" a passenger's umbrella
among some luggage on the steamer *Zigzag*.
He was seen to hide it under his jacket and was
handed over to the police.

THE Russian Government have declared Amoy,
in South China, Hus in Indo-China, and Jeddo
in the Red Sea, plague-infected ports. The
Ceylon Government have reduced to ten days
from date of departure the quarantine imposed
on ships arriving from Western India. The
prohibition of landing and transshipment is
limited to goods classed as "susceptible."

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held
this afternoon. His Excellency the Governor,
Sir William Robinson, G.C.M.G., presided, and
there were also present—Hon. J. H. Stewart
Lockhart (Colonial Secretary), Hon. W. M.
Gordon (Attorney-General), Mr. W. Chatham
(Director of Public Works), Hon. F. H.
May, C.M.G. (Captain Superintendent of
Police), Hon. T. S. Smith (Colonial Treasurer),
official members; Hon. C. P. Chater, C.M.G.,
Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, Hon. T. H. Whitehead,
Hon. E. R. Balliol, C.M.G., Hon. Dr. Ho Kai,
Hon. Wei A Yek, unofficial members.

MINUTES.
The minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

REPORTS, ETC., TABLED.
The Colonial Secretary laid upon the table
the Blue-book for the past year, and correspond-
ence regarding sanitary works in the public
service, also Financial Minute (No. 19) which
was referred to the Finance Committee, and the
report of the Finance Committee (No. 1).

The Acting Director of Public Works sub-
mitted the report of the Public Works Com-
mittee (No. 4).

MEDICAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE.
The Attorney-General moved the first reading
of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to further
amend the Medical Registration Ordinance,
1884, and to repeal Ordinance No. 1 of 1887."
He said the object of the Bill was to enable the
Principal Civil Medical Officer, as now called, and
who used to be termed the Colonial Surgeon, to
become a member of the Medical Board. The
Ordinance passed at the beginning of the year
contained a slight clerical error which had
escaped his notice and in the present amend-
ing Bill opportunity had been taken to insert
the proper title of the officer.

The first reading was agreed to and also the
second, the bill went through committee with-
out amendment, was read a third

THE MANCHURIAN RAILWAY

Whilst the proposed Peking and Hank
Railway is meeting with a good deal of attention
and observing critics remain doubtful whether

Even after the money is paid by the Belgians the railway will be completed in the next five or six years, that section of China's railway system cancelled under the control of Russia is being cancelled and promptly attended to. A week or two ago the Chinese Government sent a note to the Russian Government, asking for the return of the railway from Bada Pesh, en route for Manchuria and on Saturday a second engineer arrived from Russia. This second gentleman is a young and talented Hungarian railway engineer, Mr. Gubinsky Kaloly, who has accomplished some very difficult work in Europe. He is being sent to China to look after the line and to see that the surveys of the line are proceeding, and where these are concluded active work will be commenced. There is no doubt that the terminus will not be at Kluin but the line will be continued to the south of Kluin. It will be continued to the Chinese railway system, and the branch line will terminate at Pien. Author. *Shanghai Daily Press.*

Empire of China:—Watkins & Co., Hong Kong—1891.

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the Chinese railway system, and another branch will terminate at Port Arthur.—*Shanghai Daily Press.*

NOTANDA.

Sets	6hr 21 min.
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High water—*Morning* 7½. 9m½.
Afternoon 8½. 19m½.
 Low water—*Morning* 0hr. 61m½.
Afternoon 3hr. 32m½.
ANNIVERSARIES.
 1839—British left Macao for the ships anchored
 at Hongkong.
 1860—Tientsin occupied by the British forces.
 1896—Massacre of 2000 Armenians at Constantinople.

TO-MORROW.

Fridy, 37th August, 1897.
 Chinese—*30th of 7th moon of 33rd year*
Kwong-ai.
 Jewish—*30th Ab.* 1897.
 Mohammedan—*29th Rabi'a I, 1315.*
SUN—Rises 5hr. 18m½.
Sets 6hr. 20m½.
 High water—*Morning* 7hr. 15m½.
Afternoon 0hr. 25m½.
 Low water—*Morning* 1hr. 32m½.
Afternoon 3hr. 8m½.
ANNIVERSARIES.
 1580 C—Julius Cesar landed in England,
 834 A.D.—Amyot taken n by the British; 25
 guns captured.
 1906—The Palace at Zanzibar bombarded by
 the British.

SHARE MARKET.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

National Bank, \$2½; Canton Insurance
 117½; Steamboat Co, \$2½; Indo-China
 8½; China Suez, 11½; Union Suez 8½.

\$1.70; Oliver, (R) \$5 $\frac{1}{2}$; Dock Co., 222 p.

ment, piem.; Kowloon Wharves, \$53; Lower
ent Co., \$74; Green Islands, (cum new issue)
\$45; (ex new issue) \$30; (new issue) \$45;
Walcott, \$12 50; Tramways, \$112; Dal
farms, \$4.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

Australian (*Sagamist Maru*) 28th inst.
French (*Yarra*) 31st inst.
Australien (*Mennmuller*) 3d prox.
American (*Chino*) 3d prox.
American (*Balgie*) 10th prox.
Canadian (*Empress of Japan*) 15th prox.
American (*Park*) 2d prox.
German (*Preussen*) 23d prox.
American (*Coptic*) 1st October.
Canadian (*Empress of China*) 6th October.

German (Sachsen) 21st October.

The China Mutual Steam Navigation Co. steamer *Oonfa* from Swansea and Liverpool passed the Canal yesterday, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 11th prox.

SHIPPING RETURNS.
From 8 p.m. yesterday to 5 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.

<i>Hand</i>	steamer, from Hohow
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Klangpa4	"	"	Swatow
Trene	"	"	Moll

Astral " " Singapore
Pronto " " Newchwang
 Aggregate, 7,389 tons register,
 DEPARTURES.

Branch. 3rd August—*Gliselo, Herácha*. 60

16th August—*Bim Branch, Flintshire, Furness*.
17th August—*Macduff, Sumatra, Glaucus, S*
teroma. 17th August—*Glenartney, Oolong*
Sydney, Toucan, Ceres, Helena Richmers. 18th

1. The first step in the process is to identify the problem or issue that needs to be addressed. This involves gathering information and understanding the context of the problem.

